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## A WRECK

### Without Parallel in Annals of American Railroading.

#### Wild Freight Crashes Down Mountain-side, Striking Passenger Train, Lamps Explode and People Perish.

By Associated Press.  
Spokane, Wash., Aug. 31.—All reports show the wreck on the Great Northern, forty miles east of Kalspel, Mont., to be the most terrible in the annals of American railroading. Thirty-four lives were lost and ten persons injured. Three of the injured will surely die and the others are seriously hurt. By strenuous and heroic efforts 15 of the bodies were taken from the wrecked cars. All other victims were cremated, including Supt. P. L. Downs and son, T. Kirk Downs.

There is a heavy grade near the scene of the wreck. Two engines had taken a train of 28 freight cars up this grade and had drawn off to take water. While doing this all 28 cars started down the grade at frightful speed and crashed into the rear of the passenger train near the siding at Nyack. Supt. Downs' private car was attached to the passenger and next to it was a day coach filled with railroad laborers from Duluth.

As the runaway train sped by the switch it struck a caboose and day coach on the siding, wrecking them. A fire immediately started from the oil lamps in the caboose. It was two

and a half hours before the flames reached the main wreck.

Meanwhile frantic efforts were made to remove the dead and wounded. The wreck was piled high. In spite of superhuman efforts, the flames burst through the wrecked cars before the work was completed. In the laborers' car many of the 46 occupants were so pinned in that they could not be reached and burned before the eyes of the spectators. The flames extended to brush along side the track and burned the telegraph poles. The wire broke, and this followed by a storm, greatly retarded telegraphic news of the wreck. The first message was sent to Kalspel, whence a wrecker and all the doctors in that town were ordered to the scene. The injured were given every attention and as soon as possible the train with its burden of dead, dying and injured was taken to Kalspel.

Col. Downs was one of the most popular railroad men ever stationed here. He is a native of Ireland and is 54 years of age. He spent 33 years in railroad service. Tomorrow he was to have assumed the duties of Vice President of the Spokane Falls and Kootenai Valley road, at the personal request of J. J. Hill.

Previously reported..... 2,382,046  
Total..... 2,475,274  
Daily average..... 85,354

**LIMA OIL.**  
Shipments..... 61,365  
Previously reported..... 1,491,247  
Total..... 1,552,612  
Daily average..... 53,530  
Runs for the same time.....  
Previously reported..... 1,408,363  
Total..... 1,408,493  
Daily average..... 50,303

**MARIETTA FIELD.**  
Special to the Leader.  
Marietta, O., Aug. 31.—The Porter Farm Oil Co. has made the location for No. 3 Margaret Porter with a view of going to the Injun for gas.

**SAND HILL FIELD.**  
Special to the Leader.  
Sand Hill, O., Aug. 31.—Clark, Campbell & Co.'s No. 1 S. Pulmar has its rig up.

**JOY FIELD.**  
Special to the Leader.  
Joy, O., Aug. 31.—The Midland Oil Co.'s No. 130 E. R. Dale is dry. Their No. 131 will not be in this week.

**CHESTERHILL FIELD.**  
Special to the Leader.  
Chesterhill, O., Aug. 31.—The South-

western Petroleum Co.'s No. 1 Jas Murphy has its rig up.  
The Southwestern Petroleum Co.'s G. O. Mercer is drilling.

**CALCUTTA FIELD.**  
Special to the Leader.  
Calcutta, W. Va., Aug. 31.—The Long Elm Oil Co. has the rig up for its No. 2 John Severens.  
Williams and Caldren are drilling their No. 1 L. A. Ellis.  
The Hawkins Oil Co. is rigging up to drill No. 3 S. W. Pratt. The first of the week will see them in motion.  
The Octo Oil Co. is building the rig for No. 23 Sol Pettel.

**CORNWALLIS FIELD.**  
Special to the Leader.  
Cornwallis, W. Va., Aug. 31.—The Lynn Oil Co. has the rig completed for No. 8 T. M. Jackson farm.

#### A Narrow Escape.

Philip Dipple came into the city from Waterford Saturday, and sad to say, got a little too much strong drink. As the O. & L. K. train pulled out he made a run for the train and tried to mount the front end of the baggage car. The result was that he fell between the car and the tender and was knocked over backward and just escaped being run over. The only injury sustained was a cut face. He was taken aboard and the train proceeded on its way.

## ZANESVILLE

### Visited by a Severe Rain and Electrical Storm.

Special to the Leader.  
Zanesville, O., Aug. 31.—The most severe rain and electrical storm that has visited this part of the country in the past year was experienced yesterday. Streets were overflowed, traffic stopped and many pranks played by the lightning.

The house of John Etzel on Putnam avenue was visited by lightning about 4:30 in the afternoon. The house, which is a large double one, is occupied by Mr. Etzel and Frank Kinkead and family. The lightning struck the chimney on the Kinkead side of the house and tore it completely down, leveling it with the roof. The fire alarm was sent in from box 61, calling the department to the house, but its services were not needed.

The old saying that "lightning never strikes twice in the same place" was proven false yesterday. The residence of W. T. Forsythe on Ridge avenue, opposite Gray's grocery, was struck by lightning in the afternoon about 3 o'clock. The lightning entered the house from the roof, making a hole in the hall up stairs and ran along the floor to the front of the parlor, where it descended, making a large hole in the ceiling and scattering plastering over the floor. The hole made in the parlor is in identically the same spot as that made June 25, when the house was struck by lightning. Mrs. Forsythe and her daughter were in the kitchen in the rear of the house and escaped injury.

The residence of Henry Munch at Ridge avenue and Spangler drive, three houses below the Forsythe residence, was visited by a bolt of lightning about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. A large hole was made in the side of the chimney up stairs and little ten-

year-old Ethel Munch, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Munch, of the Ridge road, thrown from an organ stool on which she was seated. Two other little girls, Linnie and Goldie, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Munch, were also shocked. They were at home alone and being very much scared by the shock ran to the home of a neighbor to await the home coming of their mother.

The fans and the electric lights in F. E. Hemmer's store were twice put out between the hours of 4 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon. No further damage was done.

A washout on the B. & O. caused by the tracks being overflowed, occurred near Sonora. No. 47, due here at 6:20 from the east, was delayed until 7 o'clock.

A washout occurred on the W. & L. E. road about a mile north of the city, and caused a small wreck. The yard engine and three cars were ditched, but no one was injured. The accident was caused by the ballast being washed out from the ties, causing a lowering of the rails. The passengers on the train which arrived here at 9:30 were transferred to a train made up here and taken to the scene of the wreck. A half hour's delay was experienced.

Although the water poured off the Dug Road in torrents onto the River Road, the cars were run to the Seventh ward many passengers were carried. Men were kept working on the track all the time to keep it open.

As the result of so severe an electrical storm many telephones will no doubt be burned out and in bad working order today.

A large dynamo at the Curtis sheet mills was completely disabled by the lightning. Some other machinery was lightly damaged.

## CONTRACTOR

### Osmond Met Instant Death by Falling Down Elevator Shaft.

Saturday afternoon Mr. G. R. Ahrendt received a message from Pittsburgh bearing the very sad news of the death by accident of her brother, Mr. Joseph Osmond, which occurred at one o'clock p. m. of that day.  
Mr. Osmond was a well known contractor and while engaged at his duties about the new union railroad depot at Pittsburgh, which he was building, he slipped and fell down a deep elevator

shaft, death resulting instantly. The deceased formerly resided at Zanesville, Ohio, and was well known throughout this section of the country. He was forty-five years of age and was a true Christian gentleman, and leaves a widow to mourn her loss.  
Saturday evening his sister, Mrs. G. R. Ahrendt, accompanied by Mr. A. O. G. Ahrendt and Mrs. C. A. Ahrendt, went to Pittsburgh to be in attendance at the funeral.

## COLUMBIA

### May be Selected to Meet Challenger Shamrock II.

#### Splendidly Handled She Beat Constitution in the First Race to Select a Cup Defender.

By Associated Press.  
Newport, R. I., Aug. 31.—Columbia, splendidly handled, beat Constitution today four minutes and 19 seconds, corrected time, over a course 15 miles to windward and back. In the first of the trial races to select a cup defender.

The defeat was decisive and admirers of Constitution are at wits end to make apologies and excuses for her bad behavior. Unless she sails better Monday and Wednesday the committee having the matter in charge may decide upon selecting Columbia to meet Shamrock II.

The only possible excuse the backers of Constitution have is that the Constitution got the worst of the start being handicapped several seconds. But few seconds were lost and they cannot be distorted to account for the

signal defeat administered to her. The race started in a dead beat to windward, the course being south-south-east, dead in the teeth of a nine knot breeze and in smooth water, the very choicest weather for Constitution if she had been sailing in old time form, or if Columbia is not much improved since her early races this year. The wind, however, hauled so much to eastward as to allow the yachts to steer their course so that the dead beat resolved itself into one long leg and a couple of short hitches. In a stiff breeze one might expect to see Columbia beating her, but in the weather that prevailed today it is indeed amazing to see Constitution so badly defeated. Twenty steam yachts and eight sailing yachts, together with an almost innumerable flotilla of mosquito craft were out to see the sport.

## STRIKERS

### Are Claiming the Greatest Victory Since Fight Begun.

By Associated Press.  
Pittsburg, Aug. 31.—The steel strikers are claiming tonight the biggest victory since the fight began in the closing down of the open hearth department of the Duquesne works. The Amalgamated people claim the open hearth men struck and the entire plant will have to close down when the men fail to return Sunday night for work.  
The Carnegie steel people make light of the matter and say the closing down of the open hearth department is merely the usual Saturday afternoon close and maintain that the men will be on hand Sunday evening. They claim that the trouble at the plant Friday night is exaggerated and that instead of a large number of men quitting work only a few boys were escorted from the mill by policemen and the places of the ejected were filled at once.

Until tomorrow night it will not be known certainly which side is right in its contention. Aside from

the Duquesne incident a conference by long distance telephone between President Schwab, of the Steel Corporation, and Simon Burns, President of the Window Glass Workers' Association, was the only other happening to cause comment. What was the subject or result was not known. Burns is still silent. It was learned from another source that Schwab told Burns that he would not consent to meet any representative of the Amalgamated Association until the mills of the corporation thrown idle were put in operation again by former employees of the corporation returning to work. If they will voluntarily return, said Schwab, he is willing to listen to any grievance they may desire to lay before him and intimate that he would allow those grievances to be submitted by the officers of their union. Burns called on President Shaffer this afternoon. He refused to state what passed at the conference but he is hopeful that Schwab will accord him an interview to discuss terms of strike settlement.

#### STORM

##### Did Much Damage to Property at Macksburg--Barn Burned.

Special to the Leader.  
Macksburg, O., Aug. 31.—Considerable damage was done in this vicinity by the storm yesterday afternoon and evening. A barn belonging to Adam Miller, two miles south of here, was struck by lightning and burned. The barn and contents were partly insured.

Lightning also struck the chimney of the residence of John Conrath at this place and set fire to the mantle and curtains. Had it not been for the timely work of Miss Kate Conrath, who put out the fire, the damage would have been much greater.

#### Dr. Tracy's Lecture.

Dr. Tracy delivered a very interesting lecture last night to a large audience on the rum evil. In the lecture he made a very strong argument for the church and for church support. He also told of the product of the saloon and illustrated his remarks with pictures.

The following meetings will be held tomorrow: At 10 o'clock, children's meeting; at 2 o'clock, men's meeting, at which the preliminary steps will be taken to form a Law and Order League. On Sunday evening, Ben Hur will be illustrated and on Mon-

day at 2 o'clock in the Unitarian church there will be a meeting held for girls and women. The meetings will extend over Tuesday.

#### Shamrock's Trial.

By Associated Press.  
New York, Aug. 31.—The sixth trial spin of Shamrock II, today, thanks to a stiff breeze from the southeast, developed into a speed trial over a measured course, the result of which is considered satisfactory by Sir Thomas Lipton and friends. By a simple calculation it was found the yacht traveled over portions of the course at the rate of 14 knots per hour.

#### High School Building.

The new High School building is now ready for occupancy and will be open to the public on Monday, September 2nd, from 9 o'clock a. m. until 5 o'clock p. m. Everybody is most cordially invited to visit the building between these hours. Short addresses will be delivered at 10 a. m. and 3 p. m.

#### Macksburg Won.

Special to the Leader.  
Macksburg, O., Aug. 31.—The ball game here yesterday between Beverly and Macksburg resulted in a score of 13 to 8 in favor of the home team. It was a nice game from beginning to end.

## McARTHUR

### Calls at Canton and Pays Respects to the Chief.

By Associated Press.  
Canton, O., Aug. 31.—General MacArthur, returning from the Philippines stopped at Canton today to pay his respects to the President, accompanied by Major Asburn of the staff. He went east tonight. Other distinguished guests today were George L. Von Meyer, U. S. Ambassador to Italy, and General Curtis Guild, Jr., of Boston.

#### Weather Forecast.

Ohio—Fair Sunday and Monday. Light to fresh northerly winds.  
West Virginia—Fair Sunday and Monday, light to fresh northerly winds.

## OIL NEWS

### By Wire From the Various Fields.

Altona.....\$1.40  
Pennsylvania.....1.25  
Corning.....1.08  
Newcastle.....1.00  
North Lima......91  
South Lima......86  
Indiana......86  
Somerset......86  
Whitehouse......95

Shipments and runs of the Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana fields up to and including August 29.

**PENNSYLVANIA OIL.**  
Shipments..... 70,007  
Previously reported..... 2,748,001  
Total..... 2,818,008  
Daily average..... 97,106  
Runs for the same time..... 33,23